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### **Maryland Mother and Son Indicted for Participating in Fake Robbery of Armored Car**

WASHINGTON - A federal grand jury in the District of Columbia has returned a two-count indictment charging Erick Jordan Wilson, 24, and his mother, Regina Wilson, 46, both of Laurel, Maryland, with Theft, Embezzlement or Misapplication by Bank Officer or Employee in 2008, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor, Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, and MPD Chief Cathy L. Lanier announced today. The indictment also charges Erick Wilson with False Information and Hoaxes.

The two defendants were arrested yesterday and appeared before a federal magistrate in the District of Columbia this afternoon. The indictment, which was returned under seal on May 14, 2009, and unsealed today, stems from an incident that occurred on May 22, 2008, when Wilson, while working as a driver/guard for Dunbar Armored, Inc., in downtown Washington, D.C., reported to the police that he had been robbed at gunpoint by an unknown assailant while operating an armored vehicle. The indictment alleges that Wilson and his mother devised and executed a scheme to steal money from the armored vehicle by arranging for a third individual to stage the robbery, which netted \$210,000.

In announcing the indictment, U.S. Attorney Taylor, FBI Assistant Director in Charge Persichini, and MPD Chief Lanier commended the excellent investigative work of the FBI agents and MPD Detective assigned to the case. They also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela Schmidt, who indicted, and will be prosecuting, the matter.

The charges contained in the indictment are merely allegations. All defendants are presumed innocent until and unless found guilty in a court of law.

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